

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE MONITORING OF VOLUNTARY CONSUMER ORGANISATIONS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proper monitoring of performance and functioning of Non-Governmental Organisations/voluntary consumer organizations involved in consumer movement is done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present mechanism available in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Project proposals for financial assistance from the Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF) received from non-governmental organizations (NGOs)/voluntary consumer organizations (VCOs) are considered after obtaining the verification report/recommendations of the concerned State Governments. Grants from the CWF are provided if the proposals are approved by the CWF Standing Committee taking into account the recommendations of the State Government. After grant of financial assistance, the NGOs/VCOs are required to settle the accounts within the prescribed period by submitting audited accounts, utilization certificate, performance report, etc. State Governments have also been requested to evaluate utilization of the grants.